SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

Department of English

Report on M.A. Programme, 1965-66

In spite of a rather late start in publicizing the M.A. programme in English, the Department received well over sixty serious inquiries about admission. About fifteen of those interested ultimately registered for undergraduate courses as Special Partials in the hope of raising their qualifications to the required level for admission to the graduate programme proper.

Some twenty-five formal applications for admission to the graduate programme were received, and of these seven were accepted without qualification, and six on condition that they elect one or more qualifying courses in addition to the basic requirements for the M.A. in English.

In September, four full-time and six part-time candidates actually registered for the academic year 1965-66. Their number included graduates of Mount Allison, Michigan and Sir George Williams Universities, and Royal Military and Marianopolis Colleges. The breakdown of course registrations was as follows:

QUALIFYING COURSES

English 531	Reading Course in English Renaissance Literature (Dr. Sommer)	1
English 534	Reading Course in English Literature of the Restoration and 18th Century (Prof. Compton)	1
English 535	Reading Course in English Literature of the Romantic Period (Prof. MacLean)	1
English 536	Reading Course in Victorian Literature (Prof. MacLean)	1
English 553	Reading Course in Shakespeare	1

GRADUATE COURSES

English 623	Metaphysical Poetry (Prof. Lamb)	4
English 633	Defoe, Richardson, Fielding, Sterne (Dr. Sommer)	3
English 641	The Last Plays of Shakespeare (Prof. Compton)	7
English 625	The First Critics of Romantic Poetry (Prof. MacLean)	1
English 650	Literary Criticism (English 467) (Prof. Francis)	1
English 651	Seminar on Tragedy (English 472) (Prof. Bruné)	4

English 652	Seminar on Satiric Utopian Literature (English 473) (Prof. Fink)	1
English 653	Anglo Saxon (English 481) (Dr. Wasserman)	1

The final marks for these courses are not yet available.

No students have yet begun serious work on their theses, but the indications are that a relatively high proportion of candidates will seek approval for a subject in the field of Canadian literature.

Graduate fellowships worth $1200.00 each were awarded to Mrs. Esther James, B.A. (SGWU), Mrs. Viola Johnson, B.A. (SGWU), Mrs. Penelope Kramer, B.A. (Michigan), and Miss Patricia Salmon, B.A. (SGWU). Two graduate assistantships were awarded, to Miss Patricia Salmon (Instructor in English 211) and Mrs. Viola Johnson (Library order assistant).

Applications so far received for the academic year 1966-67 indicate that the news of our programme is now reaching points as distant as London, Los Angeles and Vancouver--not to mention New Delhi. A number of candidates are still under consideration, but the indications are that we shall be registering a group of graduate students who excel the pioneers of 1965-66 in both numbers and general level of academic achievement.